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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/683,534
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See, *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Re. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
   - a. ☒ Previously submitted
     - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 22 January 2007.
       (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
     - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
     - iii. ☐ Other:
   - b. ☐ Enclosed
     - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
     - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
     - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
     - iv. ☐ Other: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)
2. Miscellaneous
   - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.
     (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required.**)
   - b. ☐ Other:
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
   - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1003 (Docket No. SNPS-0524)
     - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
     - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
     - iii. ☒ Other: Please deduct any underpayments and credit any overpayments from Deposit Account Number 50-1003.
   - b. ☒ Check in the amount of $ 790.00, ($790.00 RCE fee) enclosed.
   - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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